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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
IMPLEMENTING PARALLEL OPERATIONS IN
A DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-19.

Please add new Claims 20-91 as indicated below:

20. A method of parallelizing an operation, the method comprising the steps of:
dividing the operation into a set of work partitions;
assigning work partitions from said set of work partitions to a plurality of entities,
wherein at least one entity of said plurality of entities is assigned a plurality of
work partitions from said set of work partitions; and

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